

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, Claims 1-9 and 27, drawn to a system for slowing a vehicle, classified in class 404, subclass 10;

Group II, Claims 10-12, drawn to a roadway block, classified in class 404, subclass 6;

Group III, Claims 13-15, drawn to a roadway barrier, classified in class 404, subclass 9;

Group IV, Claims 16-26, drawn to a method for slowing a vehicle, classified in class 404, subclass 72; and

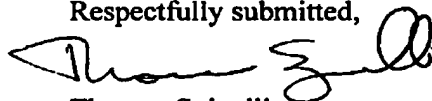
Group V, Claims 28 and 29, drawn to a set of blocks, classified in class 404, subclass 15.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II, III, IV, and V are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group IV, Claims 16-26. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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